

William McDonald Barn

The history of this barn involves the very early settlement of Timpanogos Valley. William McDonald was born in Crawford Burns, County Down, in Ireland in 1834. He came with his parents, James and Sarah Ferguson McDonald across the plains when he was 15 yrs old. After spending time in Springville and Cedar City, he arrived in Heber in 1859. He & his wife forted-in, in Heber Fort, till the difficulty with the Ute Indians was settled in 1867. He and family, soon thereafter, homesteaded about 160 acres 2 miles north of Heber. He built a stone home for his first wife Sarah Jane Shirts, south of where this barn stood. Later he married his first wife's sister, Elizabeth, and built her a home to the north of the barn. The barn stood about 1550 N Highway 40.

The original part of this barn was 22ft x 32ft and built by John William Karlson Winterrose, by 31 Oct 1909 and made of native lumber. (See attached Agreement) Only the south end of the barn...about one third of the center section, was built at that time.

Ownership passed from the McDonald family to Asahael Albert North in Feb 1938. The whole North Family labored to build up the property, the barn and their interests in this farm. About 2/3 more barn was added to the center section and the two lean-tos were added during their tenures. The next owner became, a son, Leslie North and his wife and family. During those years "Les" ran 40 head of dairy cows, housing twenty on one side of the barn and 20 on the other side. This was one of the larger herds at the time. Later, when Arlene and "Les" had died, the ownership went to their family. It was divided up after the barn had to be destroyed in 1997-8 and the remaining home to the north of where the barn stood, was sold to Robert Gannon of Park City. Dr James A North still retains ownership of much of the farmland.

Informants: Dr James A North, Albert Winterrose for copy of the building agreement. **Photographer:** RRGreen.

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